

House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1729 on May 20, 2017: Yeas 127, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2017: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Approved May 29, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**USE OF CERTAIN WEAPONS IN OR ON THE BEDS OR
BANKS OF THE CANADIAN RIVER IN POTTER COUNTY**

CHAPTER 266

H.B. No. 1771

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of the Canadian River in Potter County.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Title 7, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Chapter 287 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 287. POTTER COUNTY

Sec. 287.001. DISCHARGE OF FIREARM PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section 62.014.

(b) This section applies only to the segment of the Canadian River extending from the intersection of United States Highways 287 and 87 and the Canadian River to:

(1) a point 1.2 miles west of the intersection, marked by a structure serving as a railroad trestle; and

(2) a point 1.5 miles east of the intersection, where the Canadian River enters the Lake Meredith National Recreational Area.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person may not discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from any kind of bow if the person is located in or on the bed or bank of the portion of the Canadian River to which this chapter applies at the time the firearm is discharged or the arrow is shot from the bow.

(d) This section does not apply to:

(1) an individual acting in the scope of the individual's duties as a peace officer or department employee; or

(2) the discharge of a shotgun loaded with ammunition that releases only shot when discharged.

(e) This section does not limit the ability of a license holder to carry a concealed handgun under the authority of Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 20, 2017: Yeas 137, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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